

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

- C9 1. (Twice Amended) An orthopaedic spatial fixation system for holding bone parts comprising a plurality of fixation plates wherein each plate includes a body portion having n attachment structures positioned therein, whereby said attachment structures are substantially positioned along an arc of α° of a circle defined by a diameter d, and the [cord] chord length between adjacent attachment structures is substantially equal to [1] L , and

$$d \approx l \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\tan^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2n} \right)} + 1} \right)$$

and whereby the diameter d for each plate within the system is unique, and the value for $n(360 \alpha)$ for each consecutive plate diameter d in the system is a multiple of 3.